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- Annexed are also copies of JP 2002-137375, JP 2001-220526, Abstract of JP-7-053711 for JP 2679586 and filed in a related application for which English language abstracts are attached.

- 1.C. Also annexed hereto are copies of pending U.S. patent applications 10/647,169 filed August 21, 2003 and 10/648,579 filed August 25, 2003. Consideration of these documents with respect to the invention as claimed herein, is requested.
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